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1. Between 30 January and 10 February, the following eastbound transports moved through Frankfurt/Oder:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 30 January | 38 | Textiles |
| | 86 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 39 | RR tracks and iron beams |
| | 41 | Machine parts |
| | 30 | Military personnel, approx. 700 |
| 31 January | 41 | Dehydrated vegetables |
| | 42 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 40 | Narrow-gauge RR cars, new (loaded) |
| | 44 | Large boxes of unspecified content |
| 1 February | 37 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 41 | Soap products |
| | 40 | Lumber |
| | 44 | Iron masts and iron beams |
| 2 February | 44 | Canned food |
| | 84 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 41 | RR tank cars, guarded |
| | 29 | Military personnel, approx. 1100 |
| 3 February | 41 | Small boxes of unspecified content |
| | 78 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 41 | Lumber |
| | 44 | Machine parts, crated |
| 4 February | 36 | Glassware |
| | 41 | Unspecified |
| | 29 | Military personnel, approx. 750 |
| | 40 | RR cars, new |
| | 37 | RR tracks |
| 5 February | 119 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 40 | Automobiles, new |
| | 42 | Timber |
| 6 February | 112 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 30 | Military personnel, approx. 850 |
| | 40 | RR tank cars, guarded |
| | 42 | RR tracks and masts |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7 February | 34 | Paper (closed cars) |
| | 81 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 36 | RR cars, new |
| | 40 | Cable reels, crated |
| 8 February | 37 | Small boxes of unspecified contents |
| | 79 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 40 | Timber |
| | 37 | RR tracks and iron beams |
| 9 February | 38 | Glassware |
| | 38 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 30 | Military personnel, approx. 1200 |
| | 36 | RR tank cars, guarded |
| 10 February | 42 | Cable reels and iron frames |
| | 40 | Sugar |
| | 75 | Unspecified (closed cars) |
| | 40 | RR cars, new |
| | 36 | Lumber |

The military transports were assembled in Frankfurt/Oder and were made up of men going to Russia on furlough.

2. During the same period, i.e., between 30 January and 10 February, 6 empty trains returned from Russia and passed through Frankfurt/Oder on their way to Germany; six of the trains were accompanied by a total of approximately 300 soldiers who were equipped with small arms. In addition, the following westbound transports were observed:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 30 January | 35 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1500 |
| 31 January | 29 | Military personnel, approx. 800 - 900 |
| 1 February | 39 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1600 |
| 2 February | 36 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1300 |
| 3 February | 30 | Military personnel, approx. 900 |
| 5 February | 31 | Military personnel, approx. 900 |
| 7 February | 30 | Military personnel, approx. 450 |
| 8 February | 32 | Prisoners of war, approx. 1200 |
| 10 February | 28 | Military personnel, approx. 700 |

The military transports were made up of men returning from furlough in Russia.

3. On 17 January, the station Frankfurt/Oder was closed to all German civilians for several hours, and many RR employees were ordered from the station and RR yards. It was learned from RR employees who remained on their jobs that two military transports passed during this time through Frankfurt, each consisting of 50 to 60 cars. The troops, consisting of officers and EM, belonged to the infantry; neither artillery nor heavy weapons were observed. The military personnel was not permitted to leave the trains. The station was reopened to ordinary traffic as soon as the two trains had been dispatched; RR employees could not say, however, whether the trains had left in a westerly or in an easterly direction.
4. Between 3 and 15 February, the following eastbound transports passed through Zossen on their way to the border points Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3 February | 26 | Barracks parts |
| 5 February | 22 | Plaster in barrels |
| 7 February | 22 | Wooden houses |
| 8 February | 18 | Timber |
| | 16 | Containers, unlabelled, for above |

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| Date | No. of Cars | Description of transports |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| 11 February | 32 | Wood, for making cellulose |
| 15 February | 22 | Food |

5. Between 1 and 14 February, the following transports passed through Flisterwerda on their way to Forst:

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of transports |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 February | 18 | Dismantled machines, crated |
| 4 February | 26 | Dismantled machines |
| | 32 | Machine tools, new |
| 5 February | 20 | Boring tools (dismantled equipment) |
| 6 February | 72 | Agricultural machines, new |
| 7 February | 12 | Typewriters, new, and other equipment |
| | 22 | Five-ton trucks, approx. 40, new |
| 13 February | 16 | Gasoline in barrels |

In addition, 26 overhauled German locomotives passed through Flisterwerda on their way to Guben on 13 February.

6. Between 4 and 17 February, the following transports passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Insterburg:

| Date | No. of Cars | Description of transports |
|-------------|-------------|---|
| 4 February | 117 | Machine parts |
| 5 February | 122 | Barracks parts (presumably includes the 26 cars mentioned under Rossen on 5 Feb.) |
| 6 February | 56 | Machines |
| | 119 | Barracks parts |
| 7 February | 114 | Machine parts |
| | 111 | Scrap iron |
| 8 February | 24 | Officers and dependents |
| | 224 | Machine parts |
| 9 February | 55 | Machine parts |
| 10 February | 111 | Machine parts |
| | 55 | Cement |
| 11 February | 172 | Machines and machine parts |
| | 18 | Officers and dependents |
| 12 February | 57 | Mine timber |
| | 55 | Machines |
| | 20 | Officers and dependents |
| 13 February | 18 | Officers and dependents |
| | 134 | Machine parts |
| | 60 | Mine timber |
| 14 February | 25 | Officers and dependents |
| | 152 | Machines and machine parts |
| 15 February | 117 | Machines and machine parts |
| | 20 | Officers and dependents |
| 16 February | 104 | Machine parts |
| | 55 | Cement |
| 17 February | 174 | Machine parts |
| | 58 | Mine timber |

7. During the same period, i.e., between 4 and 17 February, 47 empty trains returning from Russia passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany.

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